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December 21, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE CABLE PROTECTORS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the Entertainment Industry Development Corporation ("EIDC") encouraging them to ensure path of travel accessibility for persons with disabilities over cables used by film production crews through the use of Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliant cable ramps.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a 5 signature letter to cities within the County of Los Angeles ("County") operating film commissions encouraging them to ensure path of travel accessibility for persons with disabilities over cables used by film production crews through the use of Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliant cable ramps.
3. Instruct the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer to forward the information about ADA compliant cable ramps to the Department Heads to ensure compliance with the County policy of event accessibility.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Both the ADA and California Building Code require path of travel accessibility for persons with disabilities.

The standard "Yellow Jacket"-style cable protectors do not meet the minimum accessible standards as required by these two statutes. They do not meet the standards as they feature a dramatic rise, a short level landing, and followed by a dramatic drop on the other side of the Yellow Jacket. The rise and fall on each side of the Yellow Jacket have slopes of nearly 45%. The level landing averages about 20 inches and the overall height is a minimum of 2 to 3 inches. This does not meet the minimum ADA or California Building Code requirements for accessibility. However, ADA compliant cable protectors meet the requirements established by the ADA and California Building Code. This style ramp is stable, firm and slip-resistant

and painted with the internationally recognized blue and white colors used in most ADA signage and has a contrasting International Symbol of Accessibility ("ISA") icon. While the average overall height is similar to the Yellow Jacket style ramp, these ramps are long enough to allow for a gradual slope under 8.33%. This style ramp also provides ADA compliance by including the wheelchair guard rail of 2 to 3 inches on each side of the ramp.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The usage of these accessible cable protectors promotes the County's motto, "*To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service*" and demonstrates the value of a public/private partnership that improves County services to all community members of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG"), Section 4.3.2(1) requires when a site is to be accessible, an accessible route of travel must be provided. Site development shall be designed to provide access to all entrances to facilities, and access to normal paths of travel. This accessible path of travel includes sidewalks, curb ramps, and temporary structures such as cable protectors. The accessible route of travel must be the most practical and direct route between accessible building entrances, accessible site facilities and the accessible entrance to the site. Furthermore, *Sections 1133B.5.2.1, 1133B.5.2.2, 1133B.5.2.3, 1133B.5.6, 1133B.5.6.2, and 1133B.5.4.9 of the California Building Code* require the accessible path of travel to be at least 48 inches wide, less than 8.33% slope, and constructed of a stable, firm and slip-resistant surface. Cable protectors, as a temporary structure, must have edge protection consisting of either a guide curb being a minimum of 2 inches in height on each side of the ramp, or a wheel guide rail centered 3 inches plus or minus one inch on each side of the ramp.

CONCLUSION

Cable protectors currently used by film crews do not provide an accessible path of travel for persons with disabilities. There are ADA compliant cable ramps that are available within the industry that provide an accessible path of travel over cable protectors. Attached is a list of companies that are distributors of ADA Compliant cable ramps. We recommend the Board of Supervisors encourage film commissions to promote use of these ADA compliant cable ramps on film sites.

Sincerely,

CAROL LANE, Chair
Enclosures

December 21, 2004

Mr. Steve McDonald, President
Entertainment Industry Development Corporation
7083 Hollywood Boulevard, 5th Floor
Hollywood, CA 90028

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities was established by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on the unique needs of people living in Los Angeles County with disabilities, and ensure the County is barrier free and people with disabilities have equal access to all programs and services.

It has been brought to the attention of the Commission, that some film companies operating in cities within the County of Los Angeles commonly use yellow jacket-style cable protectors on film sites. These cable protectors do not meet the minimum standards set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Code Requirements, and when used, do not ensure an accessible path of travel for wheelchair users or persons using assistive walking equipment.

Currently, there are several prominent cable protectors on the market that are ADA Compliant and meet the California Building Code requirements: the Walkway Access for Special Purposes (WASP), the LineBacker, and the CrossGuard. These ADA compliant cable ramps are available through various distributors, (a resource list is enclosed), and are specifically designed to provide accessibility over cable boxes for persons with disabilities. The ramps are stable, firm, slip-resistant and provide a safe crossing point for wheelchairs, carts and vehicles with small wheels. In addition, these cable ramps are long enough to allow for a gradual slope and provide a wheelchair guard rail on each side.

As the foremost leader in the filming industry in Los Angeles, the Commission and the Board of Supervisors urge you to strongly encourage film production companies to use ADA compliant cable ramps while filming. These ramps are fully accessible and ensure that people with disabilities can safely cross cable connectors without fear of injury.

Sincerely,

CAROL LANE, Chair
Commission on Disabilities

Enclosure

ADA COMPLIANT CABLE RAMP RESOURCES

ADA Compliant Cable Ramps are specifically designed to provide accessibility over cable boxes for persons with disabilities. These ramps are stable, firm and slip-resistant and painted with the internationally recognized blue and white colors used in most ADA signage. They are emblazoned with a contrasting International Symbol of Accessibility ("ISA") icon. While the average overall height is 2 to 3 inches over the cable boxes, these ramps are long enough to allow for a gradual slope under 8.33%. Additionally, there is a wheelchair guard rail of 2 to 3 inches in height on each side of the ramp.

There are three ADA Compliant Cable Ramps that are the most prominent: the Walkway Access for Special Purposes ("WASP"), the LineBacker and CrossGuard. These ADA Complaint Cable Ramps are available through various companies. Listed below is contact information for three companies that sell these ramps. This resource list is for informational purposes only and it is not an endorsement of any product or vendor.

Companies that are distributors of ADA Complaint Cable Ramps:

CableOrganizer.COM
5610 NW 12th Avenue, Suite 214
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Voice: (877) 547-4580
<http://www.cableorganizer.com/>

Checkers Industrial Safety Products, Inc.
587 South Taylor Avenue
Louisville, CO 80027-0310
Voice: (800) 438-9336
Voice: (720) 890-1187
Fax: (720) 890-1191
<http://www.checkersindustrial.com/>

Peterson Systems International
2350 East Central Avenue
Duarte, CA 91010
Voice: (626) 357-7051
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<http://www.petersonsystems.com/>

Yellow Jacket® WASP™ ADA Compliant Wheelchair Ramp

WASP™ (Walkway Access for Special Purposes) is the first cable cover ramp meeting the stringent requirements established by the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a polyurethane product, WASP is high load-bearing, abrasion resistant, and tolerant to most solvents. It is cost-efficient and lightweight enough to use in a wide variety of applications, including fairs, sporting events, public buildings and hospitals. Because WASP™ exceeds ADA guidelines for slip resistance it is also recommended as a crossing point for heavy carts with small wheels such as food and beverage carts.

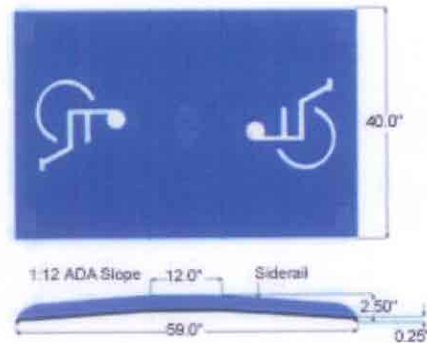
The colors are internationally recognized blue and white used in most ADA signage and featuring contrasting white wheelchair accessible icon.

Note: The WASP is NOT intended to be used alone

"The use of WASP™ with Peterson Systems Yellow Jacket® product allows persons with disabilities access to places and events that have been inaccessible to them in the past".
-- Richard Skaff, Deputy Director of the San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability

Features:

- Low profile, lies flat for easy storage
- Polyurethane material (UV stabilized)
- 1 piece design simplifies assembly and take-down
- High load-bearing capacity
- 2.5" side rails and textured surface to prevent slippage
- Slip resistant surface exceeds ADA requirements for coefficient of slip
- Compatible with all 4 and 5 channel, 1.25" [cable protectors] currently in use



LINEBACKER ADA[®] ACCESS RAMPS & RAILS

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ADA COMPLIANT

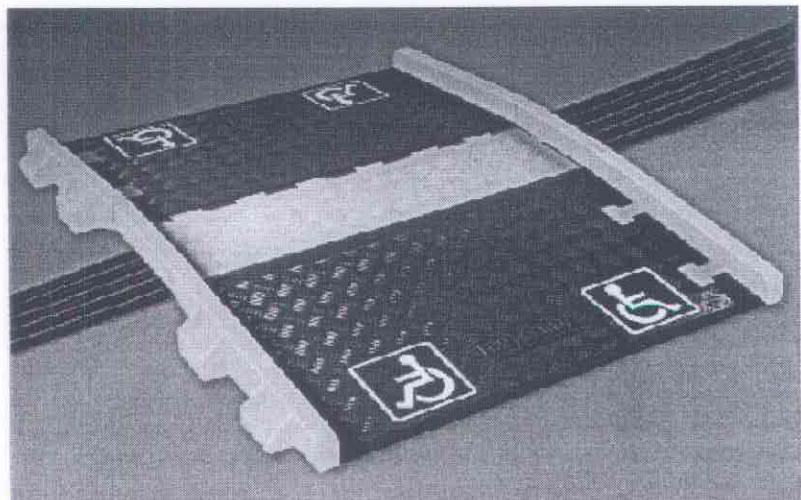
What's one of the hottest topics among managers of public facilities around the country? Guaranteed, it is how to meet important ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines for cable protection systems.

Don't spend thousands of dollars on heavy, awkward ramps that require 2 people to install when one person can easily install the Linebacker lightweight, ADA compliant ramp and rail system in seconds for 1/3 the cost.

The lightweight 36 inch wide ramps can be quickly attached to one or multiple cable protectors in a series to provide an ADA compliant access ramp of any length. Side rails complete the ADA compliant system by providing edge protection that prevents wheel chairs from rolling off the side of the ramps.

The system **does not** prevent accessibility of the electrical cables since the ADA ramps and rails attach only to the existing cable protector ramps and do not interfere with opening the cable protector lid.

These ADA compliant ramps and rails can be added whenever your particular requirements specify compliance with ADA Guidelines. No tools are required for installation.



For additional information, please contact our customer service department

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5 Channel Cable Protectors

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Gentle slope and slip resistant ramps provide a safe crossing point for wheelchairs, carts, and vehicles with small wheels.

- Lightweight, 36 inch wide, modular ADA compliant ramps
- Quick attachment to one or multiple cable protectors
- Side rails provide ADA compliant edge protection
- Add ramps and rails whenever requirements specify
- Does not prevent accessibility to cables or cords
- One person installation - no tools required



Wheelchair Access...



Strollers...



Small Vehicles...



Carts...



ADA Compliant Ramps and Rails



For Linebacker® Heavy Duty 4 & 5 Channel and General Purpose 5 Channel Cable Protectors



For Guard Dog™ Heavy Duty 5 Channel Cable Protectors